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Understandings arrived at at the meetings of the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative on East Timor with the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal on 19 and 20 June 1997

1. Format and framework of negotiations

a) Ministerial meetings

The Foreign Ministers and the Secretary-General will meet only as warranted by progress, or lack thereof, at lower-level substantive talks.

b) Working-level negotiations

- Level of negotiations: Working-level negotiations will be held at a level lower than that of the Ministers and will be chaired by the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

- Confidentiality of negotiations: There will be no disclosure of the substance of the discussions. Any statement to the press will be issued by the Personal Representative in consultation with the two sides.

- Parameters/ agenda of negotiations: The negotiators will be mandated to explore possible political arrangements for East Timor without, at this point, determining whether any agreement will lead to an "interim" or a "final" settlement of the issue. In the context of those arrangements, the following elements proposed by the Secretary-General will, inter alia, be discussed:

  military issues; the migration of non-East Timorese into East Timor; cultural, religious and linguistic issues; human rights and political freedoms; greater "Timorization" of all aspects of government in East Timor; economic and social issues; bilateral relations between Indonesia and Portugal; and proposals coming from the All-inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue. The international verification and follow-up of

agreements arrived at, as well as possible mechanisms for ascertaining the views of the East Timorese people will also be addressed.

- Frequency of meetings: The meetings will be held for a period of one or two weeks at a time, with a gap of about six weeks between them. The first meeting will be held for about a week beginning on 28 July 1997.

3. Continuation of the All-inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue (AIETD):

The Dialogue will continue under the existing terms of reference as contained in the statement issued at the end of the fifth round of talks in Geneva on 9 January 1995. The next meeting will be held towards the end of August, or alternatively in October 1997. The composition of the Dialogue will be determined in the following manner:

a) The number of participants will be raised from thirty to thirty-five.

b) A replacement for the late Mr. Jose Martins as well as five additional participants will be selected by the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General after adequate consultations with any one he deems appropriate, including such East Timorese figures as Mr. Abilio Araujo, Monsignor Carlos Ximenes Belo, Mr. Francisco Lopez da Cruz and Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta.

c) In addition, the Personal Representative will carry out similar consultations for the purpose of carrying out a small modification in the list of the 29 participants at the first two meetings.

d) The selection of participants cannot be vetoed by anyone.

4. Maintenance of conducive atmosphere for the talks

Both sides will show restraint in their public statements in order to maintain the positive atmosphere of the talks.

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